

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for cooling an engine having a cooling system, which comprises introducing into the cooling system a coolant fluid which comprises an aqueous solution of ~~comprising~~ trimethyl glycine anhydrate or monohydrate, and 2-6 % by weight of additives as a coolant fluid.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the engine is selected from engines used in automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, aircrafts, trains, tractors, generators, compressors, and from stationary engines and equipment, marine engines, power systems, industrial engines, electric engines, fuel cell engines and hybrid engines.
3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the engine is an internal combustion engine used in automobiles.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the engine is selected from ~~[[a]]~~ an engine having a water pump with aluminum components.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the coolant fluid comprises an aqueous solution of 1 to 60 % by weight of trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, ~~or salts or derivatives of trimethyl glycine or mixtures thereof.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the coolant fluid comprises 20 to 45 % by weight of trimethyl glycine as an anhydrate or monohydrate, ~~or salts or derivatives of trimethyl glycine or mixtures thereof.~~

7.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of stabilizers, corrosion inhibitors, agents for adjusting pH, antiabrasion agents, surface active agents, antifoam agents, viscosity controlling agents, antioxidants, agents for adjusting friction, dispersing agents, swelling agents, agents for extreme boundary lubrication, additives resisting high pressures, dyes, perfumes and antimicrobial agents.

11. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the additives are selected from the group consisting of stabilizers, corrosion inhibitors, agents for adjusting pH, antiabrasion agents, surface active agents, antifoam agents, viscosity controlling agents, antioxidants, agents for adjusting friction, dispersing agents, swelling agents, agents for extreme boundary lubrication, additives resisting high pressures, dyes, perfumes and antimicrobial agents.